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TO: SACHI A. HAMAI  
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: PATRICK A. WU *PAW (cs)*  
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**  
**County Claims Board Recommendation**  
**Alondra Cole, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**United States District Court Case No. CV 10-05701 GHK**

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

## Board Agenda

### MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Alondra Cole, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. CV 10-05701 GHK, in the amount of \$500,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Children and Family Services' budget.

This lawsuit alleges that the Department of Children and Family Services violated the constitutional rights of plaintiffs by wrongfully detaining two minors without a warrant or probable cause.

# CASE SUMMARY

## INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Alondra Cole, et al. v. County of Los Angeles et al.
CASE NUMBER	CV 10-05701 GHK
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	08/03/2010
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Children and Family Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 500,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Donnie R. Cox Dennis B. Atchley Law Offices of Donnie R. Cox  Paul W. Leehey Law Office of Paul W. Leehey
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Lauren M. Black Principal Deputy County Counsel  David J. Weiss Danielle Sussan Law Offices of David J. Weiss
NATURE OF CASE	Plaintiffs allege that the County and social workers from the Department of Children and Family Services violated their civil rights during the course of an investigation into suspected child abuse.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 98,912
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 1,110